

In response to your letter of June 24, 2009, requesting additional information regarding our Amended Year End Report (11/25/2008 to 12/31/2008), we provide the following response. When the Republican Party of Virginia, Inc. (RPV) filed its Year End 2008 Report(11/25/2008 to 12/31/2008) on January 30, 2009, the Treasurer and the Chief Financial Officer, who prepare RPV's campaign finance reports, were not aware of the existence of an outstanding invoice from LeClair Ryan in the amount of \$55,212.41 for legal services associated with the Fifth Congressional District of Virginia 2008 election recount. Moreover, the Treasurer and the Chief Financial Officer at that time had no reason to expect that the RPV had incurred such a debt as the RPV's State Central Committee had neither approved nor assumed in writing, in advance, any such obligation as is generally required by the RPV's Plan of Organization for financial obligations resulting from campaigns (RPV Plan of Organization, Art. iii, Section D(1)(d)). After the Treasurer and the Chief Financial Officer became aware of the LeClair Ryan invoice, the RPV reported the item as a disputed debt on Schedule D to a subsequent monthly report to the FEC. In the interest of completeness, the RPV then reported this item as a disputed debt on Schedule D to its Amended Year End Report filed on May 13, 2009. The RPV will continue to report this disputed debt in its monthly reports to the FEC until the matter is resolved.
